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Keeping Your Lamp Lit

By: Pastor Bob

Greetings, in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

It's October! You know what that means. Cooler temperatures? Well, maybe...we can pray and hope. For sure, colors changing in God's world outdoors. Football. Hunting Season. And, every year in October, West Millen has an opportunity to share Jesus in a unique way.

Like VBS, Judgment Day offers an opportunity for Jesus to touch lives in ways not afforded other times. JD, last year, brought 1100 people to view the drama with 160 of those professing salvation! What is the Lord going to do in 2026? He may bring more. He may bring less. But even if He only saves one, what an eternal difference for that one!

This year's Judgment Day theme is "The Invisible War for Your Soul." There is a spiritual war going on all around us every day. Spiritual angels versus demons (fallen angels). Just because we can't see it doesn't make it less true. Jesus speaks of Satan, his temptations, demons, deception, lies, and the conflict between God's Kingdom and the kingdom of darkness. This world is governed by Satan. He is the ruler of darkness. However, he still answers to the Lord.

Just a few weeks ago, our Sunday School lesson was on the "Parable of the Sower" (Luke 8:11-15). This parable is one of the clearest statements Jesus makes about spiritual warfare. Satan's activity is aimed at preventing people from believing and responding to God's Holy Word.

Paul made it clear for us when, thru the guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote Ephesians 6:12. "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood (other humans) but against...the rulers of the darkness of this age."

You may ask: (1) What is the difference between ghosts and demons? I've heard people say, "I do believe in angels, but I don't believe in ghosts!" That's good if you don't believe in ghosts, since there's no such thing. However, demons are NOT "ghosts!" Ghosts are defined as some sort of phantom spirit caught between earth and an eternal home. There is no biblical basis for the existence of human ghosts wandering the earth.

Demons, on the other hand, are fallen spiritual beings who are opposed to God. They are very REAL!

(2) Can demons possess you? NO. They can only oppress you. They can deceive, tempt and influence you, but IF you're covered by the blood of Jesus, they CANNOT possess you.

(3) So, why all this demon talk? Because in this year's Judgment Day drama, you'll be given a real-life opportunity for a glimpse into the spiritual world. And it's completely biblical!

This month's prayer focus is Judgment Day, Oct 25th – 29th. We are blessed to have sixty people signed up for 60 hours of continuous prayer for a mighty move of God's spirit upon the actors, the lost, and the saved who will attend. Whether you're praying in the prayer chain or not, we all need to be praying daily for Holy Spirit to start "tilling the dirt" of the hearts who will attend; that seeds planted will sprout into many salvations and changed lives.

'Til next time—"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:2)



Upcoming Events



We invite everyone to join us for upcoming events as we grow together in faith, fellowship, and service. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

FAIR ON THE SQUARE & PARADE | OCTOBER 3

Fair on the Square and the parade will be Saturday, October 3. If you would like to participate in the parade, please meet at the school at 9:00 AM.



HOMECOMING | OCTOBER 4

Join us for Homecoming on Sunday, October 4, with Pastor Paul Moore. A meal will follow the morning service, and there will be no evening service. We hope you'll join us for this special day of worship and fellowship!

JUDGMENT DAY | OCTOBER 26-29

Judgment Day will be held October 26-29 from 5:30-7:00 PM each evening. Visit westmillenbc.com/judgement-day-2026 to RSVP.



"FALL FOR JESUS" TRUNK OR TREAT | NOVEMBER 1 AT 4-6PM

All of our kids are invited to trunk or treat with us on November 1.

JASON RUNNELS LIVE IN CONCERT | NOVEMBER 1 AT 6PM

Get ready for a night of live worship with Jason Runnels. Come and enjoy live music and fellowship! A love offering will be taken after the service.

HANGING OF THE GREENS | NOVEMBER 29 AT 10:30AM

Prepare your hearts for celebrating our Savior's birth!

WORSHIP NIGHT | NOVEMBER 29 AT 6PM

Come worship with us during our Sunday evening worship service. Be prepared by sharing your favorite hymn!

YOUTH BONFIRE | DECEMBER 5 AT 4-8PM

All kids grades 6-12 are invited to enjoy an evening of worship, faith, fellowship, and fun! Please see Candice Hillis for more info or RSVP at westmillenbc.com/youth-bonfire

KINGDOM KIDS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL | DECEMBER 6 AT 10:30AM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND MEAL | DECEMBER 20 AT 10:30AM

Enjoy a powerful, free Christmas worship experience with Eternal Vision from Knoxville, TN. A meal will follow the service. A love offering will be taken after the service.



CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE | DECEMBER 24 AT 4-6PM

Celebrate the Lord's Supper on Christmas Eve during our drop-in Candlelight Communion. All Christian denominations are welcome, casual dress.



HIS HOUSE PARTICIPATION

We need volunteers to help deliver devotionals at His House Recovery Home. If you have a particular day or time that works for you and would like to participate, please see Heather Crockett.



BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS AT 6:15PM

Everyone is invited to attend Bible study every Monday at 6:15PM in the social hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday evening, our deacons and men of the church lead us in a time of Bible study and reflection. It's a great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship, come and be encouraged midweek!



MISSIONS MOMENT

Many of us take for granted the gift of hearing conversations, music, laughter, and the Word of God preached. For the deaf community, sharing the Gospel often means crossing a language and communication barrier. J.W. Michaels and Carter Bearden helped break those barriers by sharing the Gospel through American Sign Language. Today, missionaries continue this work, but the deaf community remains largely unreached. Even if we never learn ASL, we can pray for deaf missionaries and for those who have not yet heard the Good News.



October 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Fair on the Square Parade 9:00am
4 Homecoming 10:30 Am No Evening Service	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Judgement Day Prayer Chain		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Deacons Meeting (after am service) No Evening Service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Judgement Day (25-29) 6-7:30pm						

SUNDAY

9:15 AM BIBLE STUDY (CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES + NURSERY)
10:30 AM WORSHIP (NURSERY +
CHILDREN’S CHURCH)
4:45 PM CHOIR PRACTICE
6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM TEEN + KIDS
PROGRAMS
6:00 PM NEW BELIEVERS
CLASS + ADULT BIBLE
STUDY

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